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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy God, our Father, what great love You have lavished on us. We need only open our eyes to the affection You show us in the generosity of a friend, in the laughter of children, in the endearing embrace of a loved one to know that all good gifts come from the depth of Your love for us.

But even these precious gifts pale in comparison to the unmerited grace You have bestowed on us that we should be called Your children. That we would enjoy such close fellowship with You, to call upon You as Your beloved ones, is both humbling and heartening.

In Your love do we find life. So may our lives then reflect Your love.

Inspire us that we would love one another as You have loved us. From the love that comes from You, may we show love to those whom You have called us to serve.

With the compassion You have shown us, may we show compassion to those in need.

Out of the generosity You have shared with us, may we show the same generosity of spirit with our children.

And with the same selflessness You have demonstrated to us, may we give selflessly of ourselves to our family and friends.

In love, may we give love, in Your strong name, may we pray with strength.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GARCIA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. GARCIA of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING 113TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I bring to the floor today my most recent copy of the "Boy Scout Handbook." I would say this: After the Bible, it is one of the most influential books in my life.

I rise today to recognize the 113th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, the Nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training.

On February 8, 1910, Chicago businessman William Boyce, who grew up in western Pennsylvania, incorporated the Boy Scouts of America.

Since that time, millions of young men and women have joined the Scouts and learned the values of patriotism, courage, and self-reliance. There are more than 1 million youth currently enrolled in Scouting who contributed more than 17.7 million community

service hours in 2022, helping to advance important projects, from conserving local waterways to constructing accessible parks, in nearly every congressional district across the country.

I spent more than 50 years in Scouting, including serving as a Scoutmaster and achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in 1977. It was these experiences that first sparked my interest in public service. The Boy Scouts oath, in part, urges us to perform our duty to our country.

As co-chair of Congressional Scouting Caucus, I am proud to introduce a resolution alongside my good friend from Georgia (Mr. BISHOP) designating today as Boy Scouts of America Day to honor the tireless service of Scout volunteers and participants in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, the Boy Scouts of America has played a pivotal role in shaping the leaders of tomorrow, and I look forward to seeing their continued contributions to our country.

END HUNGER NOW

(Mr. MCGOVERN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I have had it up to here with lies coming from the other side about food assistance programs like SNAP.

This weekend, five of my Republican colleagues said that they could save \$400 billion by cutting SNAP and instituting tougher work requirements for folks on the program. Clearly, they didn't do their homework. Let me correct the record.

First, 9 out of 10 SNAP recipients are in households with children, seniors, and people with disabilities.

Second, there are already strict work requirements for SNAP. Let me repeat that. Most of the people receiving

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